

REMARKS

Original PCT claims 10-16 have been canceled. Claims 17-24 have been added. No new matter has been added. The specification and claims 1-9 have been amended, further to the PCT Article 34 Amendment which is believed to have been communicated to the U.S. Receiving Office and entered thereby, to place these claims in better condition for local practice and delete the multiple dependency.

It is noted that the claim amendments herein are made only for more particularly pointing out the invention, and not for distinguishing the invention over the prior art, narrowing the claims, or for any statutory requirements of patentability.

Further, it is noted that, notwithstanding any claim amendments made herein, Applicant's intent is to encompass equivalents of all claim elements, even if amended herein or later during prosecution.

Early, favorable prosecution on the merits is respectfully requested.

Please charge any deficiencies in fees and credit any overpayment of fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-0481.

Respectfully submitted,



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